

REMARKS

This is in response to the January 4, 2007 Final Office Action.

In the above amendment, claims 7, 9, 10 and 30 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 19-28 and 30-43 are pending.

Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Attached are Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 signed by all five of the inventors.

These Declarations establish conception in the United States before April 1, 2003 and diligence thereafter until the filing of the application or completion of the invention. April 1, 2003 is the filing date of the Mazza et al. US Patent Application Publication reference applied in all three art rejections.

Also attached are pages of four of the inventors' engineering specification documents entitled:

- 1) HighLevel & Detailed Design Specifications for FAS Agent;
- 2) FAS Feature Key Generator;
- 3) FAS Serve; and
- 4) FAS Sub-Agent.

These documents establish conception of the rejected claims before April 1, 2003. The submitted pages are true copies of the original.

Dates in these documents have been redacted. Besides dates, also redacted in these documents are text pertaining to server security, hidden commands, and third party Expat software code and legal advice therefore. All redactions are noted with the text "XXXXXX". None of these redactions contains a description of the invention. The redactions can be made available to the Examiner *in camera* upon request.

The Examiner is requested to please admit these Declarations after Final under 37 CFR 1.116(e). Three of the five inventors were no longer employed by the assignee and there would have been difficulty tracking them down before the prior time for reply.

Claim Objection

On page 6, item 3 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, claims 7, 9, 10 and 30 were objected to as containing informalities. Applicants regret these informalities and thank the Examiner for pointing these out. In the above amendment, claims 7, 9, 10 and 30 are amended to repair claim 7 so that it is not dependent on cancelled claim 3, to repair claim 9 so that it is not dependent on itself, and to repair claims 10 and 30 so they do not depend on cancelled claim 8. These informalities could not earlier have been corrected and, due to their minor nature, entry of these claim amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

On page 6, item 4 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, claims 1-2, 7, 9-10, 19-28, 30, 33, 37, 39 and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Ghahremani et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005-0180429) in view of Mazza et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-199760).

In addition to the arguments presented in the prior response, claims 1-2, 7, 9-10, 19-28, 30, 33, 37, 39 and 41-43 are patentable because applicant's inventions pre-date the Mazza et al. reference as evidenced by the inventors' Declarations under 37 CFR 131. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 7, 9-10, 19-28, 30, 33, 37, 39 and 41-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ghahremani et al. in view of Mazza et al. is respectfully requested.

On page 16, item 5 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, claims 31, 35, 32 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Ghahremani et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005-0180429) and Mazza et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-199760) further in view of Summers et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,133).

In addition to the arguments presented in the prior response, claims 31, 35, 32 and 36 are patentable because applicant's inventions pre-date the Mazza et al. reference as evidenced by the inventors' Declarations under 37 CFR 131. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 31, 35, 32 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ghahremani et al. in view of Mazza et al. and Summers et al. is respectfully requested.

On page 17, item 6 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, new claims 34, 38 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Ghahremani et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005-0180429) and Mazza et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-199760) further in view of Salkini et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,912,203).

In addition to the arguments presented in the prior response, claims 34, 38 and 40 are patentable because applicant's inventions pre-date the Mazza et al. reference as evidenced by the inventors' Declarations under 37 CFR 131. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 34, 38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ghahremani et al. in view of Mazza et al. and Salkini et al. is respectfully requested.

Conclusion


All the issues in the Office Action have been addressed. Favorable consideration of the present application is requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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